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EXDIS, FOR CHARGE MATHERON

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TAGS: MASS, SO, ET, US

SUBJECT: BRIEFING PMGSE ON SOMALI ASSURANCES AS CONDITION
FOR US DEFENSE AID

REF: STATE 135964

1. REFTEL REPORTED VANCE-FELEKE CONVERSATION ON SOMALI
ASSURANCES AND POSSIBLE U.S. DEFENSIVE MILITARY
ASSISTANCE FOR SOMALIA. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEFING NOTES
ON SUBJECT PREPARED FOR SECRETARY'S BILATERAL DISCUSSION
WITH FELEKE:

-- WE HAVE HAD PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT
SIAD SINCE HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OGADEN AND HAVE
NOW OBTAINED HIS WRITTEN COMMITMENT THAT SOMALIA WILL
NOT USE FORCE AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY AND THAT NO
DEFENSIVE ITEMS PROVIDED TO SOMALIA WILL BE USED FOR
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STANDARD U.S. RESTRICTION PROHIBITING TRANSFER OF ANY
U.S.-SUPPLIED ARMS WITHOUT PRIOR U.S. CONSENT.

-- WE BELIEVE THAT OUR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMALIA
WILL DEPEND IN LARGE PART ON SOMALIA'S RESPECT FOR THE

TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ITS NEIGHBORS. WE CONTINUE TO WATCH THE SITUATION CAREFULLY THROUGH ALL OF THE MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL. WE DO NOT PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ANY MILITARY DELIVERIES TO SOMALIA UNTIL WE ARE SATISFIED (A) THAT THEY NEED THE ITEMS FOR LEGITIMATE DEFENSIVE PURPOSES, AND (B) THAT THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN REALLY DO MEAN THAT SOMALIA IS NOW PREPARED TO LIVE AT PEACE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS.

2. YOU MAY, AT YOUR DISCRETION, DRAW ON ABOVE AND REFTEL TO BRIEF OTHER APPROPRIATE MOFA OFFICIALS OF THE GENERAL OUTLINE OF OUR PROPOSED MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH SOMALIA AND THE GUARANTEES WE HAVE EXTRACTED FROM SIAD.

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